

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) A nail holder strip, having a plurality of nail holders comprising:

a support base, for holding and supporting a nail;

a passage in said support base, for receiving said nail therethrough;

a protrusion within said passage, so as to provide a releasable frictional hold on said nail, wherein said protrusion within said passage in at least one of said plurality of nail holders is positioned in an opposite position in relation to said protrusion within said passage in an adjacent nail holder of said plurality of nail holders forming said nail holder strip; and

a stiffening stem positioned adjacent to said passage and to said support base, so as to provide additional rigidity to the strip;

wherein each of said plurality of nail holders is releasably attached to form said nail holder strip.

4. (Previously Presented) The nail holder strip according to claim 3, wherein said passage is semi-circular.

5. (Previously Presented) The nail holder strip according to claim 3, wherein said protrusion includes a flat surface.

6. (Previously Presented) The nail holder strip according to claim 3, wherein said stiffening stem includes a plurality of stiffening stems positioned adjacent to said passage and to said support base.

7. (Original) The nail holder strip according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of stiffening stems are on opposite sides of said passage.

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